



*"where the river flows everything will live"*

## **GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY 22 JUNE 2025**  
**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**St Mary & St Peter Tidenham**  
9.00am Holy Communion

**St Luke Tutshill**  
10.30am Youth breakfast at Non's  
11.00am Holy Communion with Splash/Youth

**St Michael & All Angels Chase**  
6.00pm Evensong

**St Mary the Virgin St Briavels**  
9.30am Family Communion

**St Mary Magdalene Hewelsfield**  
11.00am Morning Worship

**Bible Readings: Gal3:23-end; Luke 8:26-39**

**Collect: O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

**Post Communion: Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## MID-WEEK GATHERINGS IN OUR PARISH

### FIVE CHURCHES FELLOWSHIP

Monday 30 June 7.30-9.00pm in St Mary & St Peter Tidenham. A gathering of folk from our five churches to meet together for an evening of Worship, Fellowship and Teaching, led by Tudor and Anna on this occasion – all welcome. Please come and let's encourage one another and praise our Lord!

#### **MONDAYS – not Bank Holidays**

9.30am Morning Prayer, St Mary & St Peter Tidenham

9.15am Children & Families Morning Prayer. Contact [juliaparsons727@gmail.com](mailto:juliaparsons727@gmail.com)

#### **TUESDAYS**

9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary's Priory Chepstow

5.00pm Evening Prayer, St Michael & All Angels Chase

#### **WEDNESDAY**

9.15am Contemplative Prayer, St Luke Tutshill

12.00am Healing Holy Communion, St Luke Tutshill

#### **THURSDAY**

9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels

5.00pm Evening Prayer, Sedbury Space

See [www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk](http://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk) or [www.youtube.com/channel/UCkRjOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkRjOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w)

### LIFE GROUP WEEKLY MEETINGS



**Come and join a Life Group, open to all, running throughout the week; we talk about life and faith or topics relevant to what's happening around us.**

#### **Monday - not Bank Holidays**

2.00-3.30pm Bible Study at Sedbury Space - Revd Nicki [nicki1002@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nicki1002@hotmail.co.uk)

#### **Tuesday**

1.00pm with Julia Parsons [juliaparsons727@gmail.com](mailto:juliaparsons727@gmail.com)

#### **Wednesday**

10.30-11.45am Food for Thought Life Group at Café on the Hill

7.30pm with Fiona and Wendy at home: Fiona 01291 624868 or [fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com](mailto:fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com)

7.45-9.00pm fortnightly @ John & Esther Woolcock's. Contact Esther on [essywoolcock@gmail.com](mailto:essywoolcock@gmail.com)

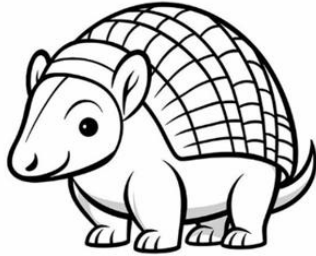
#### **Thursday**

1.30pm at Tanya's – [tanya.rockymead@gmail.com](mailto:tanya.rockymead@gmail.com) for information

#### **Youth**

If you want to know more about faith, enjoy fun and food, come to our weekly Youth Group with regular events specifically for your age group. Contact Emma 07369 226546 or [emmad.cyfm@gmail.com](mailto:emmad.cyfm@gmail.com)

## PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION



What does  
An Armadillo,  
Skunk, Prairie Dog,  
Snake and Lizard  
HAVE IN COMMON?



They are coming to the Joint Parish Church Picnic!  
ARE YOU???



Come and join us outside at St. Lukes, Tutshill on Sunday 6th July  
Bring your own picnic, blankets or seating. From 12:15pm  
Suggested donation of £1 per person (payable by card or cash on the day)

Friends of Tidenham Church  
**FLOWER & ARTS  
FESTIVAL**  
**ALL THINGS BRIGHT & BEAUTIFUL**  
St Mary & St Peter's Church  
Tidenham NP16 7JQ  
Fri 20th June 2pm-5pm  
Sat 21st June 2pm-5pm  
Sun 22nd June 10.30-4pm  
Mon 23rd June 10.30-4pm  
**CHEESE & WINE**  
Sat 21st June 7pm-8.30pm  
**TICKETS: Pre-booked £8  
On the door £10**  
Contact: [secretary.friends@icloud.com](mailto:secretary.friends@icloud.com)  
Mobile: 07876 346006  
Registered Charity Number: 1159658

DRYBROOK & DISTRICT LADIES CHOIR  
WITH MATHERN MEN'S CHOIR  
**SUMMER  
CONCERT**  
4TH JULY  
7.30pm @ St Lukes  
Coleford Rd. Tutshill, NP16 7PT  
\*tea/coffee/cake "raffle" retiring donations\*  
Proud to support  
Breathe Youth Charity & our own  
Children, Youth & Families ministry  
Breathe Youth Charity 128022

THE GALA CONCERT last Saturday was a fantastic event – thank you to the Duerdens and Friends for organising such a wonderful evening with amazing music. Everyone had a really great time and funds were raised for St Mary & St Peter.

## CYFM Snippets

- **CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES MISSIONER**

**We have an exciting opportunity to work within a team to encourage and facilitate faith development of 0 – 18-year-olds within Tidenham Parish**

**Hours - part-time, 22.5 per week**

Flexible hours including Sunday mornings and potentially some evenings

2 days off per week

35 days holiday per annum (pro rata)

**Salary – £27,500 - £30,000 (pro rata)**

Depending on qualifications/experience

5% personal pension contribution

Payment of related expenses

**Start Date – 1 September 2025, 2-year renewable contract**

**Contact [rtpcc@aol.com](mailto:rtpcc@aol.com) for an application form, or call on 07711 173240 or visit our website.**

Applications close 5.00 pm, Friday 11 July

- 29 June Wenchford picnic has been cancelled
- Prayer for Children Youth & Families 8.30-9.30am 12 July at St Luke Tutshill with breakfast, but please sign up on the sheet in the porch. All welcome!
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**FOREST OF DEAN BABY BANK IS TEMPORARILY UNABLE TO TAKE DONATIONS THROUGH SEDBURY SPACE OR ST LUKE'S CHURCH OWING TO ALTERATIONS AT THEIR STORAGE FACILITY.**

### **FANTASY FOOTBALL – ST LUKE'S LEAGUE**

24-25 season has ended with a hard-fought battle for points. Tudor finished top this year – who will challenge for the top spot next year?! Keep an eye out for details on joining in next season.

**St Mary & St Peter Tidenham – now open regularly on Sundays and Mondays 9am-5pm.**

### ***Flowers at St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase Church***

Please contact Susanna Jacks if you would like to remember someone special with flowers or prayers: [susanna.jacks@btinternet.com](mailto:susanna.jacks@btinternet.com) or 07411 188627.

## **AN UPDATE FROM BRIAN & ROBIN ON THE VACANCY FOR OUR VICAR**

As most of you know, the post of Vicar of Tidenham and Priest in Charge of St Briavels and Hewelsfield parishes was advertised in the Church Times (print and on-line) for four weeks in May. The closing date for applications was set as 4 June. Unfortunately, by that date no applications have been received; although there had been some serious interest, it did not result in an application. We know that everyone will be disappointed, but we will continue discussion with Archdeacon Hilary and diocese colleagues on taking forward the search for a new vicar. There has to be a gap before it can be advertised formally again, but the post remains “open” on the diocese website and can be openly promoted if further interest emerges in the short term.

Our plans for carrying the parish activities forward through the summer and into the autumn and winter are already being developed and we will continue as we have been doing for the last nine months. We are very grateful indeed for all the support of our clergy team – Nicki Bullivant, our Associate Priest and Wellbeing Chaplain, Tudor and Anna Griffiths, Miri Keen and Ed Pruen (PTO Clergy), James Parsons our Lay Reader and David Rees at St Briavels and Mandy Vaughan at Hewelsfield, both of whom also take occasional services at Tidenham Chase. They are working together to keep our ministry thriving and we also have the offer of support from Gloucester Diocese. Many thanks to all of them! There may have to be some adjustments and compromises as we move forward but the main thrust of our services and ministry will be maintained.

The PCC and Wardens will be reviewing the situation, but we are all committed to sustaining the activity and business of the parish. Again, thanks for all the hard work that they are putting in. We are also grateful for the support of our congregations and the unsung heroes, our volunteers, who willingly pick up the often mundane tasks to keep things going.

This week’s news is not a disaster, disappointing as it is, and we will move forward in the expectation that, in due course, the right “fit” will be found of a vicar who would like to join and lead us and who will be welcomed by us.

### **A PRAYER DURING THE VACANCIES**

*Heavenly Father, during this vacancy, guard and grow the Parishes of Tidenham, St Briavels and Hewelsfield, as we serve you together in this period without a Priest in Charge.*

*Lord Jesus, we know you have plans for us and that these plans are good. We ask you now that You will help us to share responsibility, grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need, reach out to others, and welcome newcomers.*

*Lord, we thank you for all the Children, Youth & Families in this parish. Please lead the right person to us, to lead us forward in this ministry.*

*Holy Spirit, please guide those who are seeking the right person for us, and those who are seeking the right place for their ministry, that together we may discover Your way for the future and see Your Kingdom grow. All this we ask in the strength of the Holy Trinity. Amen.*

**OUR LITTLE LARDER @ ST LUKE TUTSHILL** – If stocks are low, don’t worry please – contact Revd Nicki on 07936 787409.

**PARISH COFFEE MORNING FOR YOUR WELLBEING AND JUST GOOD FUN – LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH** but not Bank Holidays 10.00-12.00am at St Luke Tutshill: Polly Morgan – 07724 738848 pollyanne60@icloud.com

**PARISH LUNCH** – usually first Thursday of the month 12.15-1.30pm at Woodcroft Christian Centre, but please check with George and Beryl for the next one: georgechealey@gmail.com or 01291 625551.

**Regular Bell Ringing is back at St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham** – Sunday ringing from 8.30am. Weekly practice Tuesday evenings 7.30-9.00pm. All ages and abilities welcome - contact Cate 07596 185918.

#### **OUR PARISH BABY & TODDLER GROUPS**

**TUTSHILL BABY & TODDLER GROUP** – Tuesdays 9.15-10.45am at St Luke, Tutshill. **Term time only with Breakfast Club in half term and holidays.** Emma 07369 2265406 or

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1130508917404741>

**SEDBURY STAY & PLAY** - our Parish runs a wonderful group for pre-school families – Wednesdays 9.15-10.45am at Sedbury Village Hall. **Term time only.** We do need extra help from time to time please.

Contact Emma 07369 226546 or <https://www.facebook.com/SedStayandPlay>

#### **FOREST WIDE YOUTH GROUPS:**

**To Be Connected (TBC)** for Christian Young Adults (18-30yr olds), 7.00-8.30pm first Wednesday each month at Ruardean Hill Baptist Church GL17 9AZ and on Zoom. Contact [jonathan@togetherforyouth.co.uk](mailto:jonathan@togetherforyouth.co.uk)

**BREATHE** - Breathe Youth is a Christian Charity based in the Forest of Dean. Tel: 07738 422831 Email: [rjulius@breatheyouth.org.uk](mailto:rjulius@breatheyouth.org.uk) <http://www.breatheyouth.org.uk/>

**Pilates for Wellbeing** – Tuesdays 2.00-2.45pm, St Luke, Tutshill; gentle physical activity to support spiritual health. Contact Loreto on 07883 401475 / [lorespinosaa@icloud.com](mailto:lorespinosaa@icloud.com)

**What's On at Sedbury Space** - <https://www.sedburyspace.org.uk>

Bible Study – Mondays 2.00-3.00pm (**not Bank Holidays**)

One Stop Café - Tuesdays 10.00-12.00am - come for a cuppa and a chat at Sedbury & Beachley Village Hall

Memory Café - First Wednesday of each month 2.00-3.30pm

Chaplaincy Chatroom - Thursdays 1.30-5.00pm

**Tidenham Parish Church is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. All post holders and volunteers are expected to share this commitment. All appointments are subject to acceptable pre-appointment checks, including a satisfactory DBS Check where applicable.**

#### **PLEASE GIVE – WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

**Parish Bank Account - Tidenham Parochial Church. Sort Code 30-91-89. Account Number 00304754.**

**Please give by Standing Order instead of Cash** – see Churchwardens or the Parish website.

**Giving by Cheque** - Please make payable to **Tidenham Parochial Church**.

#### **TIDENHAM PARISH ONLINE LINKS & CONTACTS**

Parish Website: [www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk](http://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk)

St Briavels & Hewelsfield website: [www.stbandhchurches.org.uk](http://www.stbandhchurches.org.uk)

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/114300818701466/>

'The News' from the Diocese of Gloucester - <https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/news-events/>

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